

U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, Barracks
(U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, Marine Barracks Complex)
(Building No. 281)
Long Way, at corner of Russell Way
Pearl Harbor
Honolulu County
Hawaii

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY

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Location: The Marine Barracks Complex is located in the southern portion of the historic Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

The Marine Barracks Complex is bounded on the northeast by Central Avenue, on the north by Avenue E, on the east by Ninth Street, on the southeast by South Avenue, and on the southwest by Seventh Street. Building 281 is located on Long Way, at the corner of Russell Way.

USGS Pearl Harbor Quadrangle, Hawaii
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates
4.607985.2361345 (scale - 1:24,000)

Significance: The U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1964. The first buildings at the Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor (Officer's Quarters and the Marine Barracks Building-now Puller Hall) were constructed in 1914 as part of the initial permanent post, making this complex the oldest Marine Garrison in Hawaii. The wooden barracks and galley buildings (Buildings 277 to 281, 285 to 287) of the Marine Barracks were constructed as part of the World War II buildup of the base, making the period of significance World War II. The Marine Barracks district is associated with an "event that has made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of Hawaii's history" (as part of the oldest Marine garrison and second largest Marine Barracks in Hawaii). Additionally, the structures embody "the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, and method of construction." Although the structures have received minor alterations, the district's basic integrity has not been impaired. The structures in the Marine Barracks Complex form a distinct and historically significant district, and have played a major role in the operation of the Pearl Harbor Naval Base.

Description: Building 281 is a two-story H-shaped wood structure, 100 feet long and wide. For additional information on the original construction of the building, see HABS No. HI-176.

The earliest modifications include the 1948-49 conversion of Building 281 into an Enlisted Men's Club. The entire central portion of the structure was converted into a kitchen, snack bar and lounge; and the dormitory wings were utilized for dining and dance floors. During these renovations the first floor was heavily altered, and the original interior walls and finishes removed, but the second floor has remained unchanged.

In 1956, a screened two-story addition was constructed in the front central portion of the building. This "Day Room" addition is 58 feet wide and 30'-4" deep. Building 281 also received two concrete block additions, one at the rear of the building, and one on the east side. The rear addition is 21'-6" wide and 44'-7" long. The side addition is 40 feet long and 45 feet wide.

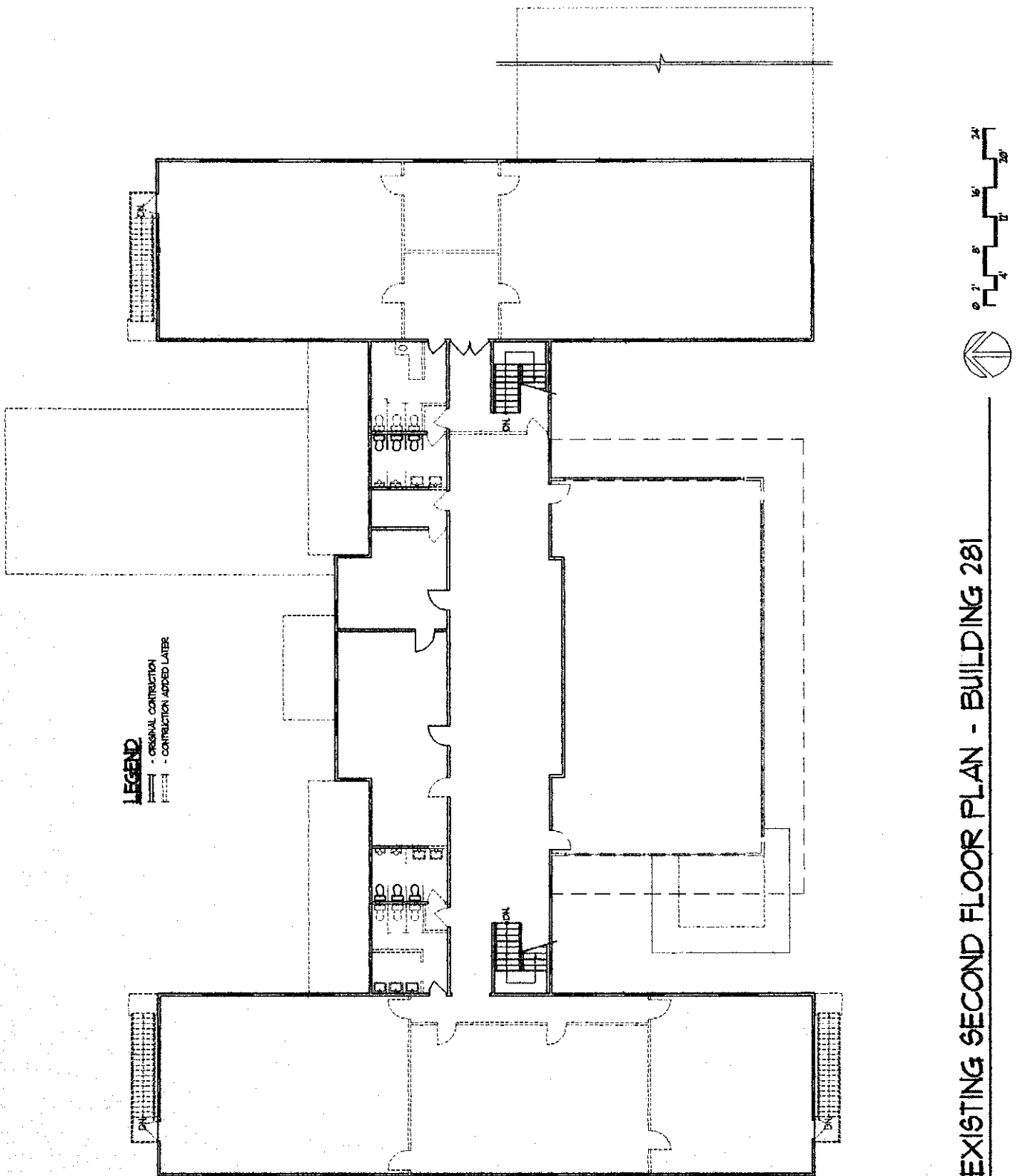
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History: See HABS No. HI-176 for a history of Pearl Harbor and the Marine Barracks Complex.

Sources: See HABS No. HI-176

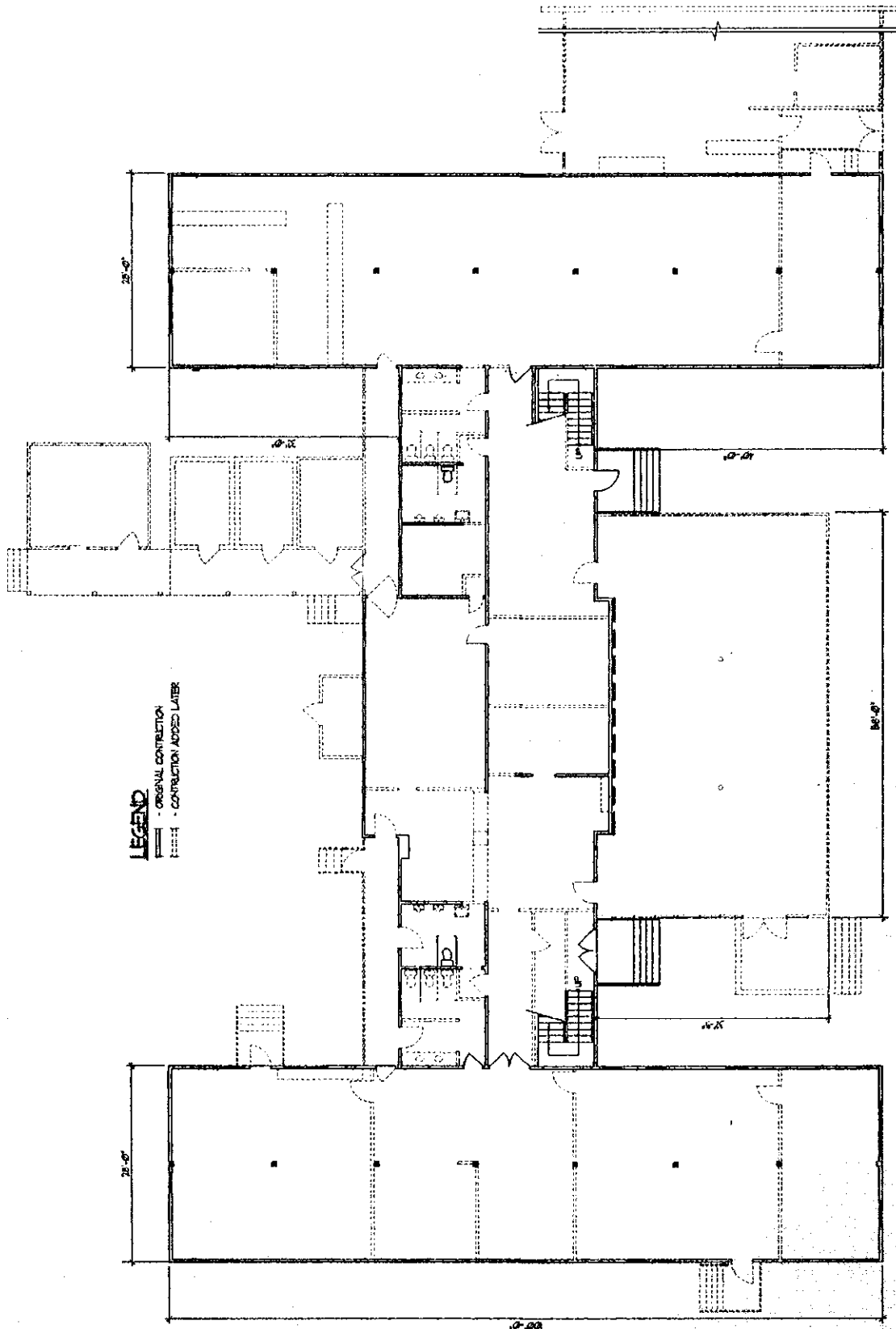
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